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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Request for Continued Examination  
for application of  
**Kayahara, Naoki**

Serial No: 09/821,328

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP  
GENERATING METHOD, RETRIEVAL  
OBJECT MAP GENERATING SYSTEM  
RETRIEVING METHOD, RETRIEVING  
SYSTEM, A COMPUTER-READABLE  
MEDIUM HAVING A RETRIEVING  
PROGRAM, IMAGE MAP GENERATING  
METHOD, IMAGE MAP GENERATING  
SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD,  
IMAGE RETRIEVING SYSTEM, A  
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM  
HAVING ENCODED AN IMAGE  
RETRIEVING PROGRAM AND A  
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM HAVING  
ENCODED AN IMAGE RETRIEVAL  
DATA (as amended)

Art Unit: 2172

Examiner: FLEURANTIN, JEAN

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated October 21, 2003 in connection with the  
above-identified application, the period of response being extended to February 23,  
2004, by the accompanying one-month petition for extension of time and associated  
fee, (Monday, February 23, 2004 being the first business day after the 4-month

response time of Saturday, February 21, 2004), please accept this Request for Continued Examination and enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

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